

Supply of Milk to Weaker Section of the Society

4545. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under the consideration of the Government for supply of milk to the weaker section of the society;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States likely to be included under the Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Production of Paraffin Wax

4546. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production and consumption of Paraffin Wax at present in the country;

(b) whether the country is self-sufficient in Paraffin Wax;

(c) if not, the steps the Government have taken to achieve self-sufficiency in Paraffin Wax; and

(d) the quantity and value of Paraffin Wax imported annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (d). the production and consumption of paraffin wax during

1990-91 was about 49 TMT and 70 TMT respectively. Efforts are being made to maximise the production of paraffin wax. About 23 TMT paraffin wax valued at Rs. 34.44 cores was imported during 1990-91.

Anand Marg

4547. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the recognition of Anand Marg by U.N.O. as a social organisation; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV SINGH SOLANKI): (a) The Secretariat Committee on Applications from Non-governmental Organisations accepted Anand Marg Universal Relief Team (AMURT), a registered NGO in US, as an NGO associated with the UN Department of Public Information on 28th June, 1991.

(b) The Government have brought to the attention of the UN Secretariat the facts relating to the activities of Anand Marg in India and abroad and have requested for a review of the decision of the UN Secretariat Committee.

[Translation]

Bilateral Relations between India and Iraq

4548. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any change in bilateral relations between India and Iraq due to the recent Gulf war; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). Bilateral relations between India and Iraq are at present circumscribed in particular in the economic field owing to our commitment to the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions on sanctions.

[English]

Shortage of Butter and Vegetable Oil

4549. DR. SHRIMATI PADMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is continued shortage of butter and vegetable oils in the country;

(b) if so, the extent of shortage of these products;

(c) whether the Government propose to revamp the nodal agencies involved in improving the productivity of these two products;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). In the co-operative sector, there has been a shortfall of about 3470 MT in the production of table butter during the period April, 91 to October, 91 due to lower milk procurement and higher sale of liquid milk. The gap between demand and availability of edible oils from indigenous sources is estimated at around 7 lakh MT.

(c) to (e). The Government do not see any reason for revamping the concerned agencies.

Allocation of Kerosene to Madhya Pradesh

4550. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide more Kerosene to Madhya Pradesh from January, 1991 onwards; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b). Allocation of Kerosene is being made to the States/UTs on historical basis subject to availability of the product. At present there is no proposal for enhancement of SKO allocation to any State.

[English]

Development Projects In G-15 Countries

4551. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI:
SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the G-15 countries have agreed in principle to approve six development projects to promote South-South Cooperation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of these projects were proposed by India;